



We all travelled to Lockleys missing the two Harrison's, Neave and Fletcher. As it was the last game we played Lockleys, they had a tall side, well organised and with a good attack on the ball. Our boys certainly needed to battle hard for every possession.

Justin was keen to see the boys continue to handball and to make good leads when we had possession of the ball.

Our defensive efforts were good for all four quarters and we kept them to a goal or under every quarter although they had quite a few forward entries throughout the game.

Highlights of the first quarter were the defence of Hugo, Leroy and Talan who all had effective possessions and Hugo in particular marked well and kicked to Will who led well. Leroy did a great mark on the goal line to save a goal. Ethan again showed great effort to hold the ball in and Hudson also did an effective kick forward. Oscar, Harry G and Josh were working well in the forward lines with good leads, effective kicks and Josh finished with a couple of nice goals.

The second quarter was a quiet one for the backline of William, Oscar and Harry G with a single goal to Lockleys. The midfield of Hugo, Leroy and Talan were getting their hands on the ball regularly to drive the ball forward and repelling everything that came back. Hugo had a lot of effective kicks to the forward line of Ethan, Hudson and Will. Will made good space with smart leading and deserved his two goals. He also did a nice handball to Ethan for a goal. The highlight for the quarter was Hudson who did a great collect and ran into goal for a superb effort which finished with a goal. Hudson has again shown great improvement and is getting better every week.

In the third quarter, Justin was very happy with the efforts of William who worked really hard to defend when the Lockleys player had the ball which caused a kick under pressure to our advantage. Harry G and Oscar worked hard in the midfield to provide effective disposals to the forward line of Hugo, Leroy and Talan. Leroy kicked a nice goal after a mark and Hugo also piped in for one. Justin was very happy with Hugo who worked hard on the ground to pick up the ball and then gave a first give handball to Talan on two occasions. That is the type of team play Justin is promoting, especially when we have tackling introduced next year for the under 9's. The defence had a bit more work to do with Lockleys kicking a couple of points then a goal but Josh did a wonderful effort to battle to force a ball up and Will had many goal saving marks in the goal square.

The last quarter was a tight contest with Josh, Hudson and Will working hard in the midfield with a great effort from Hudson, brave marks from Will and effective disposals from Josh. Oscar did a great handball to Harry G after a good lead and Harry did a bomb from a long way out for a great goal. Oscar also did a good lead that ended up in a nice goal. The defence was also busy with Ethan marking well and Hugo taking on much taller opponents to win marking contest and importantly, making sure his kick was effective.

Overall a great team game against a much taller team. Justin thought Hugo showed great leadership and his first give handballs and effective kicks made for one of his best games of the year. Will continued to take brave marks and make good leads and like Hugo, made sure his next kick was effective. Oscar also worked hard and was very accurate with his disposals. Hudson had a great game for the club with some great efforts to win the ball, good marks and a lovely goal. Well done Hudson. Josh has also shown what a good kick he is but got in the best with his strong efforts at the ball and some of his defensive work this week. Team player to Oscar for great vision and effective



kicks and handballs and Special Achievements to Will for his courageous attack on the ball and Harry for his long bomb.

With the boys improving their leads, we will need to practice running back from the mark and kicking quickly to take advantage of the good lead.

Over to Justin for his comments.

COACH JUSTIN'S COMMENTS FOR EACH PLAYER

Leroy

You really got the team off to a good start Leroy with some excellent marks and really good reading of the play. You picked the ball up cleanly and once again delivered the ball well to a teammate. Well done on another good game.

Harry G

Worked your way nicely into the game Harry and had another strong performance. Kicked some excellent goals after great team play from Josh and Oscar. You held up the ball well with a couple of really strong contests and delivered some really nice foot passes.

Hugo

Hugo I thought this was your best game for the season. You showed real courage keeping your eye on the ball and running back with the flight to take some fantastic marks. I also loved the way you responded to your teammates positioning with instinctive and creative 'first give' handballs. Your skills were exceptional all day with some lovely short and long passes, particularly to Will. Well done Hugo.

Hudson

One of your best games for the season Hudson. I thought you really concentrated and started to think about where the ball was going next. This was highlighted when you took a great mark in the last quarter. You also showed great determination and skill kicking a lovely goal in the second quarter.

Josh

Another great game Josh. I have really liked your last 2 matches. You have been using your lovely skills with great handball and kicking to set up your teammates. You also showed great tenacity and fight when contesting for the ball. Well done.

Ethan

A bit of a down game today mate. You tried your best as always but weren't quite as clean picking the ball up as you usually are. You also got caught watching your opponent a little too much when you should be watching and thinking where the ball is going.

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Oscar

Fantastic game again Oscar. I really loved your first quarter and thought you tried really hard to look for a teammate closer to goal. You delivered some beautiful passes and handballs throughout the match and as always chased and pressured your opponent.

Talan

Another good game Talan. You worked well with Leroy and Hugo and showed some lovely skills throughout the match. Remember to look for someone closer to goal and pass the ball if you are too far out to score. Goal assists are always as good as goals.

William

Good game William. I thought your concentration improved again this week and I liked it when I saw you running hard for the ball. You also pressured your opponent causing a valuable turnover for the team. Remember to keep believing in yourself. You are a very important member of the team.

Will

Brilliant game Will. Some fantastic running and long kicking to our advantage. You also fought ferociously to win possession, sprinting away and then looking for a teammate. We focused on leading into space at training and you showed everyone just how this is done. When you get a free kick don't be afraid to hold onto the ball and encourage your teammates to lead into the correct position. You are a very smart footballer!

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